

LIMITED SOURCES JUSTIFICATION

ORDER >\$150,000

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) PART 8.405-6

2237 Transaction Number: [REDACTED]

This acquisition/modification is conducted under the authority of the Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Program. The material or service listed in paragraph 3 below is sole source, therefore, consideration of the number of contractors required by FAR Subpart 8.4 – Federal Supply Schedules (FSS), is precluded for the reasons indicated below.

Restricted to the following source:

Manufacturer/Contractor: Mission Search International, Inc.

Manufacturer/Contractor POC & phone number: [REDACTED]

Mfgr/Contractor Address: 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1225, Tampa, Florida 33607

Dealer/Rep address/phone number: [REDACTED]

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the Government.

(1) AGENCY AND CONTRACTING ACTIVITY:

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Network Contracting Office 16 (NCO 16)

2002 Holcombe Boulevard (90C)

Houston, TX 77030

VISN:

16

(2) NATURE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTION BEING APPROVED:

The Government intends to award a fixed hourly rate modification to existing task order contract V797P-7366A, VA256-13-F-0002 (Ultimate Completion Date of September 30, 2017) that was previously competed off of a General Service Administration (GSA) FSS to Mission Search International, Inc. for Medical Physicists Services. This modification will provide additional on-site Medical Physicists Services (additional 3120 hours X \$176 per hour = \$549,120.00) to support Veterans throughout the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center (MEDVAMC) located at 2002 Holcombe Boulevard, Houston TX 77030 and to give the lead time to hire on VA staff three (3) Medical Physicists. As stated above the total estimated cost of this modification is in the total amount of \$549,120.00, this estimated cost will increase the current total task order contract value from \$3,353,875.20 to \$3,902,995.20, this is a minimum percentage increase of 16 percent in the total task order contract value. In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original FSS order that was placed in accordance with applicable FSS ordering procedures. The original task order contract was not previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures. Mission Search International, Inc. is a small business and is the current contractor providing Medical Physicists Services at the MEDVAMC located in Houston, TX. Mission Search International, Inc. is intimately familiar with the services provided.

(3) (a) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES REQUIRED TO MEET THE AGENCY'S NEED:

This is a request for additional quantity of hours/Medical Physicists to modify an existing task order contract that has been previously competed. The Houston office of NCO 16 requests a sole source to use Mission Search International, Inc. because MEDVAMC Human Resources Department (HR) and the Diagnostic & Therapeutic

Care Service Line is currently in the process to hire three (3) Medical Physicist on staff pending [REDACTED] to compete with other Health Care Systems in the Houston area). An additional long term contract is not needed as MEDVAMC is in the process to hire three (3) Medical Physicist on board as VA employees pending salary deviation increase. Approval [REDACTED] is estimated to be complete within the next two (2) months. Without the additional short term contracted services, the required medical procedures/services for Radiation/Oncology cannot be provided to Veterans at the MEDVAMC. Maintaining appropriate coverage, ensuring external and internal compliance with accrediting agencies and providing expertise in various disciplines is the main concern for providing appropriate services for Veterans. In addition, it is provision of Radiation/Oncology Services and REQUIRED/MANDATED to have by name only a "Chief Medical Physicist" to be listed on the certificates issued by the National Health Physics Program (NHPP), and must be requested as follows:

The request must describe the training, experience, and certifications of the contracted candidate. Qualification required to meet this mandate include education in medical physics, at least five (5) years of experience, experience with particular treatment modalities, and experience with specific equipment and software as used by the facility, and board certification in medical physics.

Due to this mandated requirement it is the best interest of the Government economically and efficiently to move forward with this sole source modification to add additional quantity of work/new work for a "Chief Medical Physicist" (by name only, ex. does not supervise Government Employees (does not have a Government Inherit Function)) Services. Estimated effective date of additional hours (3120) to existing task order contract will be tentatively effective April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. It is estimated that the total amount of this modification is approximately \$549,120.00.

(b) ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE: \$549,120.00

(c) REQUIRED DELIVERY DATE: April 1, 2016

(4) IDENTIFICATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION RATIONALE (SEE FAR 8.405-6), AND IF APPLICABLE, A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR'S UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED SUPPLY OR SERVICE.

☐ Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources.

☐ A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition. The proprietary data is:

(If FAR 8.405-6(a)(2)iii before posting. Do not include specific proprietary data. Only mention the type of equipment, procedure, etc. to show that proprietary supplies or services are being procured.)

☐ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

☐ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

☒ The new work is a logical follow-on to an original FFS order provided that the original order was placed

in accordance with the applicable FSS ordering procedures. The original order must not have been previously issued under sole source or limited source procedures.

Per FAR 8.405-6 (a)(1)(i)(c) In the interest of economy and efficiency, the new work is a logical follow-on to an original FSS order provided that the original order was placed in accordance with the applicable FSS ordering procedures. The original order or BPA must not have previously issued under sole-source or limited-sources procedures. Award to another source is likely to result in disruption of MEDVAMC patients' health and wellbeing (result in delays in patient care) to be provided Radiation/Oncology services and substantial duplication of costs to the Government not expected to be recovered through competition (amount of administrative hours in the level of effort and time of VA employees). Any new contractor would require a new Chief/Senior Medical Physics to be retrained in VA systems, be certified by NHPP and obtain background checks/credentialing that would unavoidably increase cost and unacceptable delays to support Veteran patients in the transition of this service. The MEDVAMC has chosen to minimize its risk by keeping the current core Chief/Senior Medical Physicists intact. The current Chief/Senior Medical Physicist is already certified by NHPP in accordance with the REQUIRED/MANDATED requirement in order to provide Radiation/Oncology Services at a Medical Center. In addition, if a new competitive procurement were to occur, the lead time of one (1) year to award a new competitive procurement from cradle to grave would cause unacceptable delays in providing Radiation/Oncology services to the MEDVAMC Veteran patients as there would be a gap in service for one (1) year until a new task order contract was awarded.

☐ An urgent and compelling need exists, and following the ordering procedures would result in unacceptable delays.

(5) DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE THE ORDER REPRESENTS THE BEST VALUE CONSISTENT WITH FAR 8.4 TO AID THE CONTRACTING OFFICER IN MAKING THIS BEST VALUE DETERMINATION:

In accordance with FAR Part 8.404 (d) Pricing, the complexity and circumstance of each acquisition should determine the level of detail of the analysis required. It is determination of the Contracting Officer to use GSA schedule pricing as fair and reasonable as this is not a complex modification for new work. Per FAR Part 8.404 (d) Pricing, the costs for items covered under a FFS have already been determined to be fair and reasonable. A separate price fair and reasonableness determination is not required. It is the determination of the Contracting Officer that the rate of \$176.00 an hour is a fair and reasonable based off of GSA already determining the price/rate of services offered at an hourly rate under schedule contracts to be fair and reasonable.

(6) DESCRIBE THE MARKET RESEARCH CONDUCTED AMONG SCHEDULE HOLDERS AND THE RESULTS OR A STATEMENT OF THE REASON MARKET RESEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED:

Market research was conducted as this is a modification for new work for the same type of service and schedule pricing has been already determined to be fair and reasonable and may not exceed ceiling price. Ceiling price listed on Mission Search International, Inc. price list for a Senior Medical Physicists is listed at \$189.23 per hour. Through this modification to add additional hours/quantities to VA's existing task order contract from Mission Search International, Inc., VA will be getting a rate of \$176.00 per hour for a Senior Medical Physicists. This is a cost savings of \$13.23 per hour and an overall cost savings of \$41,277.60 to the Government for Senior Medical Physicists services. In addition two (2) other FSS contractors where researched in addition to Mission Search International, Inc.

FSS 621 I Professional & Allied Healthcare Staffing Services

Contract Number	Contractor Name	SIN Number 621-061	FSS Net Ceiling
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From the above three (3) FSS contractors the hourly rate for a Senior Medical Physicists averaged out to \$184.33 per hour. Current rate through this modification is \$176.00 per hour. This is an overall cost savings to the Government of \$25,989.60. In addition, rates for lodging and transportation charges are not normally excluded. Mission Search International, Inc. has excluded lodging and transportation charges and is at an all-inclusive hourly rate of \$176.00. Reference section 5 above for additional information.

Attached is price list for above referenced FSS contractors.

(7) ANY OTHER FACTS SUPPORTING THE JUSTIFICATION:

Not applicable for this modification.

(8) A STATEMENT OF THE ACTIONS, IF ANY, THE AGENCY MAY TAKE TO REMOVE OR OVERCOME ANY BARRIERS THAT LED TO THE RESTRICTED CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITION FOR THE SUPPLIES OR SERVICES IS MADE:

Not applicable for this modification.

(9) REQUIREMENTS CERTIFICATION: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of VA and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that processing of this limited sources justification restricts consideration of FSS contractors to fewer than the number required by FAR Subpart 8.4.

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SIGNATURE	DATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
NAME	TITLE
MEDVAMC HOUSTON	[REDACTED]
FACILITY	SERVICE LINE/SECTION
	[REDACTED]

(10) APPROVALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAR 8.405-6(d) and VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP:

a. CONTRACTING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Christopher D. Vu 204107


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CHRISTOPHER D. VU / CONTRACTING OFFICER
NAME AND TITLE

NCO 16 - HOUSTON
FACILITY

b.  DESIGNEE: I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


SIGNATURE


DATE

